

Defensive Driving Rear End Collisions To Prevent Rear-ending another vehicle And Being Hit From Behind

There are certain procedures that a person can follow to prevent rear end collisions either hitting someone while driving or being hit from behind while driving in a vehicle on U.S. 1.

1. Do not follow too close to the vehicle in front of you.
2. Leave a large gap between you and the vehicle in front; it doesn't matter if people pull out from side streets in front of you because you have a gap that they can use. Be courteous and continue to give yourself space from the new emerging vehicle.
3. When vehicles in front start to slow or stop you need to start slowing down slowly to allow the vehicle behind you to slow before you get to the stopping area. In some cases a slight tap on the brakes instead of one constant movement (If you have given yourself enough space and time) should alert the vehicle behind you with the flashing of the break lights.
4. When you stop, give yourself 1 car lengths in front of your vehicle so you can pull off the road onto the shoulder if a vehicle is approaching too fast from the rear.
5. Whenever you start to slow down on U.S. 1 watch the rear view mirror to give yourself some reaction time if you see the vehicle behind you is not slowing enough.
6. 95% of U.S. 1 has enough of a shoulder to pull off the road to get out of the way of a rear end collision. Be cautious that the vehicle behind you may be trying to pull off the shoulder to prevent from hitting you in the line of traffic. You have only split seconds to make some life threatening decisions. But, most of the time there is something you can do to prevent from being in a rear end collision.

Drive Responsibly